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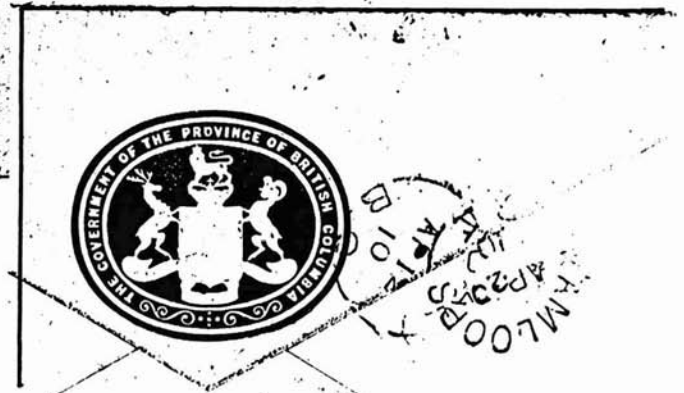
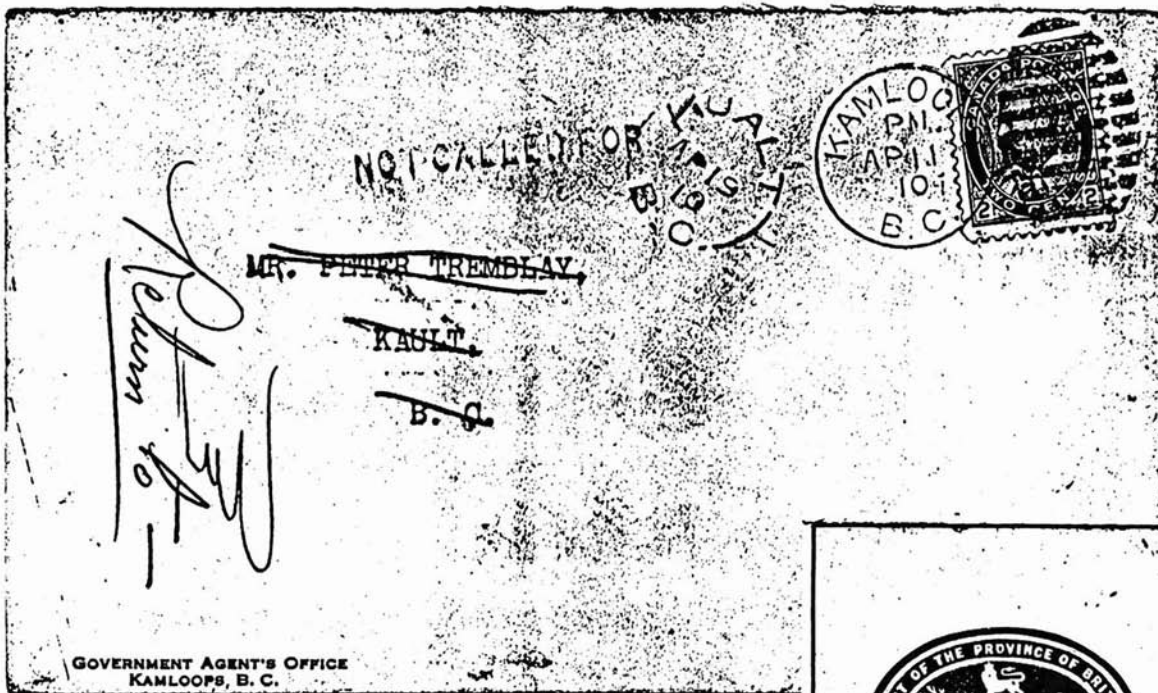
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KUALT - 1895 TO 1912

The Kualt Post Office was established at the Genelle Saw Mill located close to the CPR tressel over White Creek about a mile west of Tappen Siding. When the saw mill was moved to the shore of Shuswap about a mile east of Tappen Siding the post office was moved there to serve those working at the mill. There is confusion as to the spelling of the name as it is reported that the original hammer, proofed JU 3 95, read "KAULT". There are no recorded markings from this hammer. On the cover below the hammer clearly shows the spelling as "KUALT". On the other hand the Government Agent at Kamloops spells the name "KAULT". Unfortunately the name is not listed in the Geographical Gazetteer of British Columbia for 1930.

Was the "KAULT" hammer ever used?



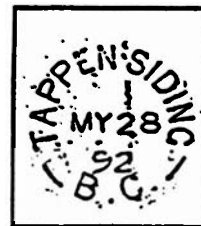
TAPPEN POST OFFICES - details

The following information is based on the Henry Calhoun's recollections of Tappen. Reference is also made to the work of George Melvin and to the official Post Office records. It should be noted that in some cases dates and the spelling of names differ from one source to another. This is one of the problems faced by researchers in dealing with vintage hand written records.

TAPPEN SIDING

After CPR construction sub-contractor who laid rails at Tappen Siding First located at Frank McCullough homestead and later moved to home of W.T Smith on east side of CPR tracks.

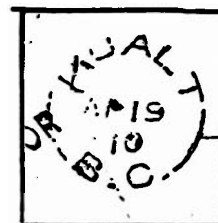
Authorized 445 - May 10, 1892 Hammer proofed - May 28, 1892
 Established - July 1, 1892 PM F. McCulla (McCullough)
 new postmaster - Mar. 1 1893 PM W.T. Smith
 Closed - Feb. 1 1898 Authorized 360 - Jan. 18 1897 (8)

**KUALT**

From German word for "cold"

First at Gennelle Mill near trestle over White Creek 2 miles west of Tappen Siding and later at new Genelle mill on Salmon Arm (Silketwa) Bay of Shuswap Lake one mile east of the Tappen Station.

Authorized 922 - May 15 1895
 Hammer proofed - June 3 1895 Reads KAULT (not confirmed)
 Established - July 1 1895 PM Jas Genelle
 New Postmaster - Apr. 1 1899 PM James Carling
 New Postmaster - May 1 1908 PM Arthur. Rondpre (or Rogers)
 Closed - Oct. 1 1912 Postmaster H.A. Rogers Resigned
 "No person Willing"

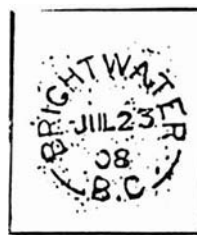
**BRIGHTWATER**

Name proposed by Webster Rogers

Located in store of H.C. Banks first PM near Tappen Siding at road junction to Sunnybrae near the present location of the Tappen Post Office.

Authorized 32991 - July 7 1908 / July 25 1908
 Hammer Proofed - July 23 1908
 Established - Aug. 1 1908 PM H.C. Banks

Changed TAPPEN - Aug. 1 1911
 Authorized 48709 - June 24 1911 F-559
 H.C. Banks continued as Postmaster to 1915
 Still open

**TAPPEN FIFTY YEARS AGO**

by Henry Calhoun - December 1948

This 50 year old document recounting the pioneer history of Tappen was supplied by Sid Bedwell. Unfortunately, space does not allow for the reproduction of the full seven pages so a selection of some of the more interesting parts have been chosen.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AT TAPPEN
by Henry Calhoun

We moved here in March, 1896, from a ranch on the Thompson River, seven miles west of Shuswap. It is interesting to recall how we moved our household effects and farm implements. We loaded them into a CPR boxcar as it stood on the main line opposite our house. For the privilege of doing this we had paid the Company \$5.00, and were allowed the use of the main line for one hour.

After loading the freight, my father and I saddled horses, and each leading a work horse behind, started to ride to Tappen by the Skimiken trail, there being no road. We left the ranch on the Thompson at 3 p.m., and night overtook us while we were still on the trail, probably about four miles from Tappen Siding as the crow flies. It was a winding Indian trail, bending around many a fallen tree. Neither of us having been over this trail before, when night came upon us we became lost. We soon decided that if we were to find the trail in the morning, we had better camp where we were, so we gathered some wood, built a fire, tied our horses, took the saddles and saddle blankets and made ourselves comfortable for the night beside the fire, only being disturbed by a shower lasting an hour or so. Next morning, we found and followed the trail without any trouble. When we had travelled perhaps a mile and a half we came to a clearing which had been made by Tom Cardinal, a French Canadian. This place is now known as the Cardinal Ranch. As we passed the clearing and were yet some distance from his cabin, Tom hailed us strangers with a hearty "Good morning", and he shortly followed us down the logging road to the old mill which was our destination.

The old mill was so called to distinguish it from the new mill which for two years had been located at Kualt. The old mill was the centre of life in the community. It was where work had begun in the pioneering of the Tappen district. The Genelle brothers had come into this part as loggers and lumbermen, making ties and railroad timber for the CPR. They had located this first mill by a beaver pond a quarter of a mile west of the main line of the CPR. A short spur was built in to move out their products. The spur began one mile west of Tappen. The location of this spur track is still evident. The CPR main line had been completed ten years before we came in, and the Genelle brothers probably worked a couple of years during the construction of that line, so that would make the date of their coming here about 1884. Their names were Pete, Joe and Jack, and with them was a brother-in-law, Mr. Pourpore. They were French Canadians from Quebec. We had made an agreement with the Genelle brothers before coming, to purchase three 80-acre lots in the White Creek valley, and they were to release for entry the quarter section on which the old mill had stood for my father's homestead; while I was looking forward to taking a homestead along White Creek, the south east quarter 28-21-10.

We lived in what had been the boarding house and store-room of the old mill. This building still stands, and is now used as a hay barn by J. Gooch, the present owner. The mill had not been operating for two years, but a good many piles of lumber were still standing near the spur. Ties continued to be shipped over the same spur for some years after, and a number of Chinamen were employed taking our cordwood in two-foot lengths for locomotive fuel, as the CPR at that time was burning wood in all its locomotives on this Division. We lived there for a year and a half. By the end of that time my father had become an invalid, and he relinquished his right to the quarter section and buildings of the old millsite, so with my brother's help we built a cabin on the property we had purchased at the present Calhoun home, and we moved over here. A further reason for moving was the fact that the railroad company filled the trestle with earth, and so blocked the level logging road we used between the two farms. The fill was about 60 feet deep and 200 feet long where the trestle had crossed the gulley which drained the district west of the track.

Fifty Years ago at Tappen

When we came, Genelle had about 100 men working for him. There were also sub-contractors. However, the only persons that could have been called residents of the district were those I have listed as settlers.

The Tappen Siding Post Office was in the home of W. T. Smith, where H. F. Calhoun's house now stands. The mail bag was thrown out of the mail car, and the outgoing bag was picked up from the catching post beside the track at the west end of the trestle, about opposite the present house. In the Post Office the mail was lodged in a box the size of an apple box, and when any resident went there, all the mail was sorted over to find his letters. Stamps and postal notes were sold. Besides getting his mail, a person could also hear all the neighbourhood news!

Another Post Office at Kualt suppld the mill with mail service.

Tappen Siding was where it is now, but there was no station. It was about ten years after we came here that the station was built.

Later, when H. C. Banks had a store at Tappen Siding, a petition was sent in asking for a post office at that point, with Mr. Banks as postmaster. At a meeting at which the name of the post office was to be decided, Webster Rogers proposed "Brightwater", and "Scotty" Mitchell suggested "Silketwa", the name given by the Indians to Tappen Bay. "Lord" Hugh McKenzie wanted "Lady Grey" after the Governor General's wife, and he had obtained permission for the Governor General's secretary to have the post office named this. Chris Thompson said, "Let it be 'Tappen' whatever may happen". Tappen was the name of the C.P.R. construction sub-contractor who laid the rails at the siding.

Perhaps a few words of explanation about Kualt would be in order. Kault was the name given to the new Genelle mill located about one mile east of Tappen station, at the edge of Shuswap Lake, (Silketwa Bay); and the name was given to the post office when it was established there. The mill stood between the railway and the lake. Loading tracks and a siding were built by the CPR so that the lumber from the mill could be shipped very conveniently. Genelles had a large steamer built for bringing booms of logs in from various camps around the lake shore, and all in all, the site was a better one for an expanding sawmill business than the old mill site. The mill, too, was much enlarged when rebuilt at Kualt. Later Genelle sold all his interests and timber limits to the Columbia River Lumber Company for a sum reported to be in the neighbourhood of \$40,000! That was in January, 1899. Kualt is German for "cold" No doubt the name was chosen because of the shade of Granite Mountain in the afternoon. Mrs. Joe Genelle used to pronounce the name with a long "u", but most people said it as if it were "Kalt".

A Kualt postmark dated June 11, 1899, is attached to the original copy. The settlement of Kualt no longer exists, being part of the Tappen district now.

We wish to thank Mr. Henry Calhoun for his permission to mimeograph this history of Tappen which first appeared in the Salmon Arm Observer. Also Miss Joyce Calhoun for the use of her original manuscript dated Decmber 1948.

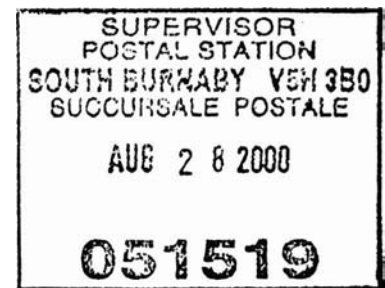
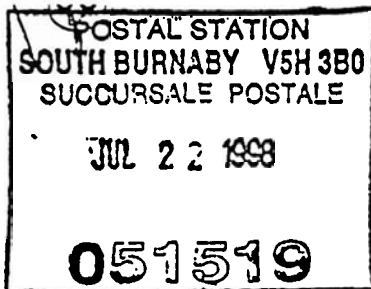
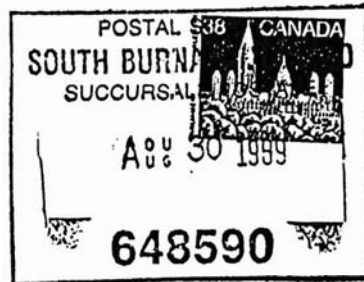
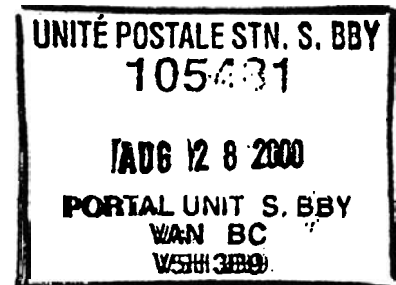
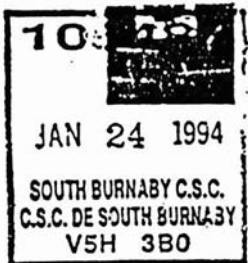
JACK WILSON

SOUTH BURNABY

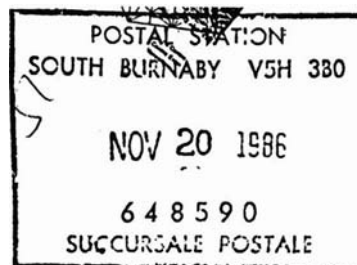
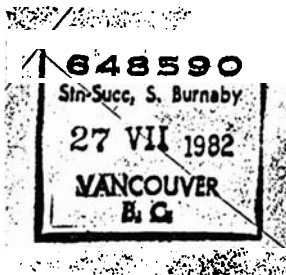
In the February 2000 issue of the Bull MOOSE, Andrew Scott raised the question as to why South Burnaby V5H 3B0 was using two different RC numbers. In fact, at the time, Burnaby South was using daters with three different RC numbers. The Postal Unit South Burnaby, formerly CSC, uses RC# 105481 and the station Superintendent (Supervisor) uses RC# 051519. At the same time the former Burnaby South Postal Station RC# 648590 was still in use in the Letter Carrier Depot located at the rear of the building. The latter number should have been withdrawn, in April 1993, at the time of conversion to CSC status but remained in use until 2000. The 648590 dater has now been withdrawn. It should be added that in the November 1999 Canada Post listing for BC post offices there is no listing for RC# 105481.

From Andrew Scott

Current daters



The continued use of the dater with the old RC number illustrates one of the problems faced when a larger Post Office is assigned a new RC number. Many older hammers can still be found in many post offices and may be re-activated because of shortage of cancelling equipment, or by accident. At the same time newly opened post offices may use a dater from a recently closed office for a few days until a new hammer arrives. In a few cases no new equipment is ordered and a dater with the old RC number may remain in use for years.



DUPLEX CANCELLATIONS

Don Abel has been cross checking the sources of information on duplex cancellations and has come up with a number of listings that need checking. Your assistance is requested.

'Duplex Proof Strikes of Western Canada' (PB)
Catalogue of Canadian Duplex Cancellations (Lee)
Checklist of British Columbia Post Offices (Checklist)

Both the listings in Lee and in the Checklist are based on reports from many sources and are subject to error. Also the Checklist does not list cancellation types for Sub Post Offices.

CARTER BAY in PB and listed by Lee
 error in Checklist shown as CARTER RIVER
 Post Office records show as
 "approved" but never "opened"

CASSIAR (2) reported in Checklist
 not in PB or listed by Lee
 Has anyone seen a copy?

LOCKEPORT reported in Checklist
 not in PB or listed by Lee
 Has anyone seen a copy?

MADEIRA PARK - in proof book
 for MADEIRA PARK (1)
 In Checklist shown for both
 Any reports for use by MADEIRA PARK (2)?

NEW WESTMINSTER SUB 5 (1)
 PRINCE RUPERT STN. B
 both in Proof Book
 Checklist does not list
 cancellation types for
 sub post offices

REDSTONE reported in Checklist
 not in PB or listed by Lee
 Has anyone seen a copy?

UNION listed in Checklist
 not in PB or listed by Lee
 Has anyone seen a copy?

VANCOUVER SUB 51
 Shown in PB and listed by Lee
 but shown as unreported
 Anybody seen a copy?

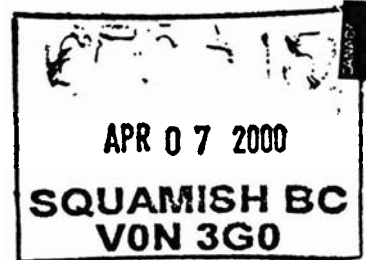
VANCOUVER SUB 58
 In PB and listed by Lee
 Copy reported for 1948

CALL FOR SERVICE - SQUAMISH
 See Vol. 9 No 2 P 275

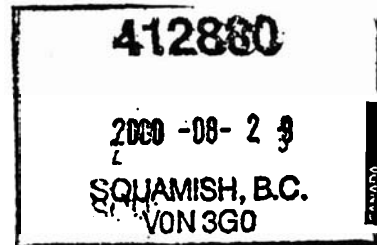
Squamish PO RC 656615
 Closed 2000 02 11

SQUAMISH CFS RC 412147
 Established 2000 02 ??
 To PO 2000 03 27

SQUAMISH PO RC 412449
 Opened 2000 03 28



Cancellation used at CFS
 with 656615 removed



New dater - Squamish PO

TEST D - VANCOUVER
 Any other reports of similar
 marking from OCR 81.

TEST D IMPRESSION 23-JET 3 IIII

DATE: 2000-09-08 -JET 2 IIII

TIME/HEURE: 18:38 -JET 1 IIIIIIIII



FROM CANADA POST

Again, thanks to John Gannon and other members of the Retail Network, staff we have a listing of recent openings and closings in British Columbia. Canada Post has and is presently undergoing a major reorganization and this has presented certain problem in recording post office changes. The computer system used to report changes has undergone a Y2K upgrade and the forms showing postal changes are now generated out of Ottawa. The result has been that changes recorded in one source may differ from those appearing in another source and for some post office full details are not available

From the point of view of the postal historian the most significant change is that post offices are now designated by RC number not by name. When an office changes ownership the name is changed at the same time, making it difficult to keep track of offices. For example, when the "Royal City Postal Outlet" in New Westminster changed to a "Call For Service" in one place the new name is shown as "Royal City CFC" and in another as "B.K. Printers". It would appear that the trend is to do away with the GMO and RPO designations and to replace these with the name of the shopping centre or mall in which the postal outlet is located. For example "Ladysmith RPO 1" is now called "Coronation Square". This change of policy has resulted in "Prince George Downtown" becoming the eighth city to have a postal outlet designated "Downtown". Other "Downtown" Post Outlets have been or are located in Prince Rupert (2 locations), Vancouver, Kelowna, Dawson Creek, Vernon, Golden, and Victoria. Gone is the policy to have no repetition of post office names.

The following abbreviations have been used in the present listing.

CFS	Call For Service	phone	Change in phone number
P code	New Postal Code	to NA	To non accounting status
moved	Move to new location	stamps	Conversion to stamp shop
street	New street name	SO	Summer office
		address	new address

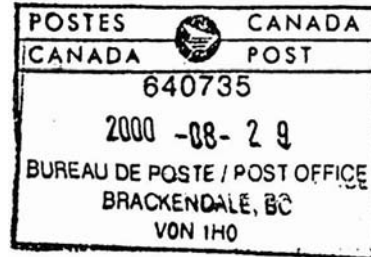
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1014	2000 04 03	Abbotsford GMO 7	Abbotsford	640174	Closed	V2S 2G0
1015	2000 04 07	Victoria GMO 29	Victoria	648833	Closed	V8N 4G0
1016	2000 04 14	Walnut Grove CFS	Langley	354821	CFS	V1M ???
1017	2000 04 20	Woodgrove	Nanaimo	384356	412902	V9T 4T0
1018	2000 04 20	Southgate	Chilliwack	170151	388254	V9R 6L0
1019	2000 05 05	Salmon Arm PU	Salmon Arm	646393	ch add	V1E 1A0
1020	2000 05 05	Canoe PO	Salmon Arm	641057	ch add	VOE 1K0
1021	2000 05 05	Sorrento	Sorrento	646806	ch add	VOE 2W0
1022	2000 05 05	Enderby PO	Enderby	135461	ch add	VOE 1V0
1023	2000 05 05	Sahali Mall PO	Kamloops	354759	ch add	V2C 1L0
1024	2000 05 09	College Heights RO	Prince George	651990	412856	V2N 2T0
1025	2000 05 12	Hart PO	Prince George	646652	412848	V2K 3A0
1026	2000 05 12	Prince George GMO 12	Prince George	653551	412864	V2L 3G0
1026a	2000 05 12	Downtown PO	Prince George	412864	new	V2L 3G0
1027	2000 05 23	Chilliwack GMO 4	Chilliwack	267260	ch add	V2R 1A0
1028	2000 05 25	Prince George GMO 17	Prince George	169471	415715	V2N 2H0
1028a	2000 05 26	Blackburn PO	Prince George	415715	new	V2N 2H0
1029	2000 06 01	Nanoose Bay	Nanoose Bay	644684	P code	V9P 9A0
1030	2000 06 01	Blackburn PO	Prince George	415715	date	V2N 2H0
1031	2000 06 01	The Village Market	Sun Peaks	CFS	415189	VOE 1Z1
1032	2000 06 01	Nanoose Bay	Nanoose Bay	644684	P code	V9P 9A0

FILE	DATE	OUTLET	TOWN	OLD RC	NEW RC	CODE
1033	1999 11 15	7-11 Courtenay	Courtenay	384917	stamps	V9N ???
1034		see 1033 above	PM res.	closed		
1035	2000 05 29	150 Mile House RO	150 Mile House	383244	415480	V0K 2G0
1036	2000 06 02	Corner Grocery CFS -aka	Vernon	384739	416088	V1T 7A5
1036a		Stuart Vernon Ventures	Vernon			
1037	2000 06 05	Lougheed Mall	Burnaby	289906	416061	V3J 1N0
1038	2000 06 01	Brookside Gen. Store	Vanderhoof	CFS	415340	V0J 3A0
1039	2000 06 05	College Heights	Prince George	412856	p code	V2N 2T0
1040	2000 06 09	Royal City PO.	New Westminster	655074	closed	V3M 6B0
1040a	2000 05 30	Royal City CFS	New Westminster	CFS	416371	V3M 6B0
1040b		aka B.K. Printers	New Westminster			
1041	2000 06 19	Collwood Corners	Victoria	246824	413127	V9N 2N0
1042	2000 06 22	Hartley Bay	Hartley Bay	649619	to NA	V0V 1A0
1043	2000 06 04	Peachland	Peachland	654486	address	V0H 1X0
1044	2000 03 01	Lagoon Gardens	Nanaimo	382930	CFS	V9T 5A0
1045	2000 05 15	Oona Rover PO	Oona River	641065	to NA	V0V 1E0
1046	2000 05 15	Aiyansh PO	Aiyansh	640107	to NA	V0J 1A0
1047	2000 04 28	Kincolith PO	Kincolith	641588	to NA	V0V 1B0
1048	1999 11 17	Sewell Inlet	Sewell Inlet	646636	to NA	V0T 1V0
1049	2000 07 04	Nimpo Lake	Nimpo Lake	257400	419478	V0L 1R0
1050	2000 07 06	Summit Lake	Sumit Lake	013757	closed	V0J 2S0
1051	2000 07 06	Old Orchard	Burnaby	074233	phone	V5H 2A0
1052	2000 07 14	Yaletown	Vancouver	388416	closed	V6Z 2V0
1053	2000 07 20	Roberts Creek	Roberts Creek	646199	phone	V0N 2W0
1054	2000 07 21	Metrotown PO	Burnaby	247111	419737	V5H 2C0
1055	2000 07 20	Pink Mountain	Pink Mountain	359327	419672	V0C 2B0
1056	2000 07 21	Kemano PO	Kemano	643645	closed	V0T 1K0
1057	2000 07 31	Whistler South GMO	Whistler	257699	closed	V0N 1B0
1058	2000 07 27	Gibsons RPO 1	Gibsons	640298	moved	V01 1B7
1059	2000 07 28	Royal Oak	Victoria	631000	moved	V8Z 3G0
1060	2000 08 08	Ladysmith RPO 1	Ladysmith	651710	moved	V0R 3J0
1060a		Coronation Square	new name		651710	V0R 3J0
1061	2000 08 08	Lazo PO	Courtenay	641502	street	V0R 2K0
1062	2000 08 14	Peachland	Peachland	645486	moved	V0H 1X0
1063	2000 08 21	Sixth Street PO	New Westminster	174335	420484	V3M 3C0
1063a		aka Woodward Place PO	New Westminster			
1064	2000 08 26	Qualicum RPO 2	Qualicum	656771	closed	V9K 1T0
1064a	2000 08 28	Qualicum CFS	Qualicum	CFS	421731	V9K 1T0
1065	2000 08 27	Campbell River Stn A	Campbell River	640999	moved	V9W 2P0
1066	2000 08 23	Tyee Plaza PO	Campbell River	131210	closed	V9W 1C0
1066a		aka Island Images PO	Campbell River			
1067	2000 08 25	Delta Shoppers Mall	Delta	342122	closed	V4C 6R0
1068	2000 08 25	Walnut Grove	Langley	083720	413992	V1M 2C0
1069	2000 08 25	Harbour Centre	Vancouver	355712	413984	V6B 4P0
1070	2000 08 28	Qualicum CFS	Qualicum	421731	P code	V9K 1T0
1071	2000 08 30	Victoria FMO	Victoria	648930	P code	V0S 1B0
1072	2000 08 30	Kennedy Heights PO	Delta	268623	P code	V4C 6P0
1073	2000 08 30	Brentwood Mall PO	Burnaby	026778	415499	V5C 2A0
1074	2000 09 05	Mayfair	Victoria	016829	415855	V8Z 6E0
1075	2000 09 25	Richmond Centre	Richmond	085715	moved	V6Y 2B0
1076	2000 09 26	Armstrong RO	Armstrong	657941	address	V0E 1B0
1077	2000 09 26	Barkerville	Barkerville	640468	SO	V0K 1B0
1078	2000 09 27	Abbotsford GMO 16	Abbotsford	263567	closed	V25 4T0
1079	2000 09 25	Richmond Centre PO	see 1075	085715	moved	V6Y 2B0
1080	2000 10 02	Garibaldi Highlands	Garibaldi Highlands	642665	moved	V0N 1T0
1081	2000 10 13	Canwest Mall PO	Victoria	new	418595	V9B 5E0

WING cancellations

Doug Murray in the latest issue of The Bull.MOOSE illustrates a number of examples of the recently introduced daters which he calls a "Wing" because the date stamp contains the new wing symbol of Canada Post at the top. The number of reported markings is now in excess of 600, with by far the largest number reported from Quebec. The earliest reported date of use is 1999 08 17.

In British Columbia only five Post Offices have been reported. New early dates would be appreciated as well as any reports of other B.C. offices making use of the "Wing" dater.



	Early date*
Armstrong	00 02 24 ✓
Baldonnel	00 06 20
Brackendale	00 05 30
Clayhurst	00 02 10
Hartly Bay	00 02 28

Manson Creek 1899 - 1999
Early / late ?



*Early dates courtesy THE Bull.MOOSE

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Address
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IS A "FIRST DAY COVER" REALLY A "DAY OF ISSUE COVER"?

The following item from the London Philatelist is very timely since "Official First Day Covers" are no longer cancelled at the "Cancellation Site". Canada Post has privatized the Day of Issue events and in most cases no longer provides postal facilities at the site. Most "First Day" covers are produced well in advance by the Philatelic Branch and are distributed to the "Cancellation Site" so they can be sold to collectors on the "Day of Issue".

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COME IN, FDC, YOUR TIME IS UP

Most of us have a number of the so-called 'First Day Covers' (FDCs) in our collections – they are a visual reminder of some (philatelic) event that has had great significance for us, or of which we wish to keep reminded, which has a real usefulness in some part of our collections, and so on. They are usually a very elegant envelope or card, to which the stamp or stamps have been affixed and on which there is an attractive, often highly decorative, cancellation that purports to have been struck on the envelope on the day of issue of the stamp(s). I think that most of us realise that such cancellations have probably not taken place on the day of issue, and probably not at the location indicated, but we think that perhaps the time lapse was not great, or had been kept to the minimum possible, so that the extensive demand could be met.

The publication in the British Philatelic Bulletin for August 2000, on a supplementary sheet enclosed with the Bulletin proper, of the following announcement strips away any last vestige of justification for this perhaps naive view:

Queen Mother issue: Please note that for this issue the first day cover envelope and stamp cards will not be available at post offices until the day of issue, ie 4 August. The FDC envelope will remain on sale for two weeks as first day posting boxes will remain open until 18 August for collectors to post covers.

For me this means quite clearly that no longer can one rely on this expression (First Day Cover) having any semblance of truth. Unless one has oneself posted the envelope (commercial or homemade) on the day of issue of the stamp(s) and received them the following day duly transported by the post, there is no guarantee that the implied conditions (cover handled and cancelled on the first day of issue of the stamp(s) have occurred. Ironically, if one prepares for oneself one's own envelope, and posts it in the special box, and receives it next day, duly cancelled, the resulting cover is thought of as being unacceptable: only the splendid decorative envelope offered widely for sale is regarded as fulfilling the necessary criteria for acceptance. However, even with this aspect observed, the resultant covers are not thought to be worth any great sum, and only a tiny proportion of one's outlay is recovered on sale of the item(s). This is a matter of great disillusionment to youthful or beginner collectors, who might then abandon their journey into the hobby.

Is it not time that these expressions 'First Day Cover' or 'First Day of Issue' envelopes, and so on, be abandoned by all, to be replaced by the simple expression 'Commemorative Cover', for that is what these FDCs have become, simply a commemoration in one form or another of an event that has great attraction to many collectors? Then, envelopes or other documents which bear on the relevant stamps a postmark or other form of cancellation that can only have been applied on the 'first day of issue' can assume (or resume) their true significance or value to the collector.

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